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## **FRISCO BREAKS GROUND ON \$16 MILLION POLICE STATION**

(April 8, 2005) This morning, Police Chief Todd Renshaw, his staff and city leaders “broke ground” on a new, \$16 million Police Station at 7200 Stonebrook Parkway, near the intersection of Stonebrook Parkway and Parkwood Drive – across the street from Frisco High School. The new facility is being built on 11.5 acres; will stand two stories and span approximately 86,590 square feet.

New building features will include a community/training room; fitness area; locker room; ‘sally port’; holding facility and separate lobby; and office area devoted to department divisions including Special Investigation, Juvenile, CID, Patrol, Community Services, Victim Advocate; and Property/Evidence. The future facility also includes ‘unfinished space to grow’ to 125,000 square feet and house a firing range.

Today, 121 employees, including police officers and support staff, are sharing approximately 10,000 square feet of space which is home to current Police Department headquarters. Due to cramped conditions, some police department employees are working in an annex office building.

“Today means we’re a major step closer to being back under one roof,” said Chief Todd Renshaw. “Aside from being a place employees can be proud of, a new building will go a long way to bringing our divisions back together, which ultimately improves efficiency and benefits our citizens.

And, like all of the City of Frisco’s new buildings, the future Police Station will feature public art. A sculpture made of glass and stone will greet visitors and serve as a memorial to fallen officers. Another art piece made of stone will be fashioned like a bench and sit in the employee plaza area.

“Today marks the end of three years of planning for us,” said Chief Todd Renshaw. “A lot of time and effort went into planning this facility. We’re excited because breaking ground means we’re half way there (finished).

Doors to the new police station are expected to open in August 2006.

In September 2002, Frisco voters approved \$16 million in bonds for a new Police Station.

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